



17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

After Action
REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2003

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair	Marilyn Gadway
Vice-Chair	William Keig
Committee Member	Kenneth Mort
Committee Member	John Bautista
Committee Member	Sharon Leonard
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Charles Swann

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig Van Keulen

1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gadway called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: Vice-Chair Keig, Committee Member Bautista, Committee Member Leonard

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Committee Member Swann

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

Carol Wood, Director
YMCA Senior Center

June Report - Ms. Wood reported on the 4th of July Barbeque held at the end of June. Staff from the YMCA barbequed hamburgers and hotdogs. There were between 150 and 200 seniors in attendance. Marie Skinner dressed as a clown and entertained and socialized with the seniors in attendance.

Ms. Wood reported she has been experiencing difficulties with a particular senior who attends the Nutrition Program who has demonstrated abusive and threatening behavior toward the YMCA staff and seniors who attend the Nutrition Program. She asked if it would be within her authority to ban this particular senior from the Center. She stated she felt the need to prohibit this person from participating in the Nutrition Program in order to guarantee the safety of her staff and the seniors at the Center. Staff Balagso will check on the City's policy in regard to restricting someone from attending the Nutrition Program due to continued inappropriate behavior. Chair Gadway suggested perhaps his behavior is a symptom of another problem and he should be given referrals to services in the area that could assist him. Ms. Wood will get referrals for this individual, but stated she has tried to address the problem with the individual and his family but feels the problem is escalating and she wants to take action to guarantee the safety of people at the Senior Center.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Staff Balagso

Staff Balagso reported the Parks and Recreation Commission is working with City staff to begin the design process for the Indoor Community Recreation Center. The first meeting of the Indoor Community Recreation Center Sub-Committee was held on June 30th. Committee Member Subocz is the Senior Advisory Committee representative to the Sub-Committee.

Staff Balagso also reported the Parks and Recreation Commission has asked City staff to research prospective grants for the Recreation and Community Services Division. City staff will be working on grants funded by Proposition 40. Proposition 40 is funded by the State of California and awards two types of grants for parks improvement: 1) Per Capita Grants – grants which provide funds to cities and counties based on population and 2) Competitive Grants – funds are awarded through a competitive grant process. All California cities are eligible to apply.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Skinner

Ms. Skinner stated she will research the resources available to provide assistance to the gentleman at the Senior Center who has exhibited abusive and volatile behavior. Ms. Skinner reported she continues to assist seniors to sign-up for the national "Do Not Call List." Carol Wood as been helping Ms. Skinner with this project and Ms. Wood has begun presentations at the Senior Center about the "Do Not Call List."

Ms. Skinner also stated she received a call from a family in San Martin that lost their home and possessions in a fire. She is asking for donations of clothing and furniture for this family. Chair Gadway stated she might have articles available to donate.

CAG MEETING REVIEW

Committee Member Bautista

Ms. Skinner gave the CAG report on behalf of Committee Member Bautista. Ms. Skinner announced there will be no CAG meeting in July. The next CAG meeting will be held on the first Thursday in August. CAG Chair Ernie Rusconi will be the featured speaker at the next meeting. He will provide information on the Council on Aging.

The June CAG meeting was a birthday party for Ernie Rusconi and Evelyn Lemberger. Everyone enjoyed themselves at the party. Ms. Skinner stated she would like to begin helping seniors gain a better understanding of Medi-Cal and how they can receive assistance from Medi-Cal even though they belong to an HMO or have another type of private medical insurance.

Ms. Skinner announced Ernie Rusconi will be the CAG Chair and Carol Wood will serve as the CAG Co-Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2002

Minutes approved (4:0) Committee Member Subocz moved to approve the minutes. Committee Member Mort seconded the motion.

BUSINESS

2. STATUS OF SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INDOOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Information Item. City staff to provide status of Senior Advisory Committee's Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding construction schedule of Indoor Community Recreation Center.

Staff Balagso stated the Parks and Recreation Commission is schedule to review the Recommendation by the Senior Advisory Committee regarding the construction schedule for the Indoor Community Recreation Center and the Senior Nutrition Program kitchen at their July meeting. The Commission was to review the Recommendation at their June meeting, but was delayed due to time constraints.

3. SENIOR CENTER YEAR END REPORT

Recommended Action: Information Item. YMCA staff to provide year-end report on Senior Center activities during FY 02/03.

Ms. Wood distributed the 2002-2003 Senior Center Yearly Report. The report included a summary of the activities and special events held at the Senior Center during the last year. The report also contained information on additional services and programs sponsored by the Senior Center such as, blood pressure screening, Bingo, Bridge and new equipment purchased for the Center. Ms. Wood provided an itemized accounting of the \$75,000 the City of Morgan Hill provides to the YMCA for the Senior Center and the Nutrition Program. Chair Gadway commended Ms. Wood for the successful year at the Senior Center.

4. REPORT ON INDOOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER SUB-COMMITTEE
Recommended Action: Information Item. Committee Member Subocz to provide report on Indoor Community Recreation Center Sub-Committee's first meeting on June 30th 2003.

Committee Member Subocz distributed three options for the Indoor Community Recreation Center (A, B and D) provided by architects from Noll & Tam at the meeting on June 30th. Ms. Subocz noted the projected budget for the Center is \$26 million. The Center will be on 8 acres and will include an outdoor skate and BMX park, indoor pool, gymnasium and there will be 200 parking spaces.

Chair Gadway noted the kitchen is not labeled on any of the options. She asked Ms. Subocz if they indicated where the kitchen would be located. Ms. Subocz stated she believed the kitchen would be located next to the multipurpose room. Chair Gadway then asked if anyone at the Sub-Committee meeting addressed the kitchen issue associated with the Senior Nutrition Program. Ms. Subocz stated it was not addressed at the meeting. Chair Gadway emphasized the kitchen issue is important and City officials and architects should be made aware of the issue. Ms. Subocz state she will prepare a list of questions and concerns to present at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

Ms. Subocz then provided more information on the building. The building will be 50,816 square feet. The components will include a youth area, senior area, fitness area, children's area, conference room. Chair Gadway asked if the square footage of each area was addressed. Ms. Subocz responded the square footage of each individual area was not addressed at the meeting.

Carol Wood stated she understood the City anticipated the Center to recover 100% of the cost of the operations. She asked if the City included senior programs and Senior Center in the cost recovery. Ms. Subocz stated the Center will be used for a variety of uses throughout the day. When seniors are not using the Center, it could be rented for another use.

Chair Gadway stated the options presented do not reflect the design recommendations that were made during the community planning process two years ago. She asked if Noll & Tam architects was the same firm that participated in the community planning process. Staff Balagso indicated that it is the same firm. Chair Gadway stated the community was very clear the Center should have both a youth wing and a senior wing. The options presented do not incorporate these design aspects. She asked where the Senior staff will be located as well as the rooms for senior programs, workshops and classes. She emphasized that a good senior program is *more* than just a Senior Nutrition Program. She stated she feels the members of the Senior Advisory Committee need to emphasize the need for the Center to reflect the recommendations made during the community planning process and to provide adequate space for the Senior Nutrition Program kitchen. Chair Gadway asked that Julie

Spier, Recreation and Community Services Division Manager, attend the next meeting to address the changes in the conceptual design of the building and to provide information on why the recommendations of the community were not incorporated into these initial conceptual designs.

Ms. Subocz stated none of options presented to the Sub-Committee were approved by the Committee. She stated the architects will present additional options at the next meeting. Chair Gadway stated it looked like the senior area will be smaller than the existing Senior Center. She asked Ms. Subocz to get clarification on the square footage that will be dedicated to the seniors.

Committee Member Mort stated he did not like the high number of angles used in two of the options. He stated there could be wasted space in the design with many angles. He also indicated the architectural and engineering fees were high. He stated that in his experience in working with the federal government, architectural and engineering fees could not exceed 6% of the cost of construction. These fees for the Recreation Center are approximately 11% for the Indoor Community Recreation Center.

Committee Member Swann stated he preferred Option A, but feels Option A needs an inlet on Edmundson for access by the fire department in case of an emergency. He added he feels the skate and BMX park should be farther away from the street for safety reasons and the front door should not be too far from the parking lot. He emphasized seniors will need to have easy access to the front door.

Chair Gadway stated the members of the Senior Advisory Committee have visited several senior centers in the area. She suggested the City staff involved in the design of the Center along with the architects should visit the Cupertino Senior Center. The Cupertino Center is very attractive and is a good example of a well planned Senior Center that incorporates two wings and utilizes space well. For example, when the seniors are not present, a computer class can use the space during the afternoon and evening. Carol Wood added the kitchen for the Senior Nutrition Program needs to be dedicated to the program. The program is regulated by State and County Health Codes.

Chair Gadway stated it is important that members of the senior community are aware of changes to the conceptual design of the Center and asked how to get more seniors involved. Carol Wood responded she feels many seniors feel they have been promised many things that have not been delivered. She added that Mayor Kennedy recently stated the City has no funds at this time to repair the Friendly Inn. Therefore, many seniors feel their efforts to make their needs and wants known have gone unheard. Chair Gadway stated perhaps it is time to revisit making renovations to the Friendly Inn and keeping the Senior Center and Nutrition Program at its current location.

Committee Member Subocz listed the questions she will take to the next Sub-Committee meeting:

- 1) Where are restrooms for seniors located?
- 2) What is the square footage for each area?
- 3) Where will the kitchen be located? Will it be dedicated to the Nutrition Program?
- 4) How will the City compute 100% cost recovery? Will the Senior Center be included in that?
- 5) Why are the architectural and engineering fees at 11% of the cost of the Center?

Staff Balagso will research when and how the design of the Center shifted from the recommendations of the community. She will also ask Recreation Manager Spier to attend the next Senior Advisory Committee meeting.

5. UPCOMING VACANCIES ON SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Information Item. City staff to provide information on the three upcoming vacancies on the Senior Advisory Committee. The two-year terms of 3 current members will end on July 31, 2003.

Staff Balagso announced the terms of three current members will end. She stated she hopes the three Senior Advisory Committee members will consider continuing on the Committee. The deadline to submit an application is July 9. The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold interviews at a later date.

6. AUGUST RECESS

Recommended Action: Action Item. Senior Advisory Committee to vote on taking a recess during the month of August. Date for next meeting would be September 2, 2003.

Committee Member Subocz moved to hold a meeting in August. Committee Member Mort seconded the motion. Motion approved (4:0). Next Senior Advisory Committee meeting to be held on August 5th.

7. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE – SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Recommended Action: Information Only. Hand out monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Balagso distributed the July Senior California Legislature Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting schedule on **August 5, 2003** in City Council Chambers.

Committee Member Mort moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Subocz seconded the motion. Motion approved (4:0)